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Jimmie Knight, having failed to force upon New York an appreciation of his legal talents, is returning to his little home town, Centerville, to take over a moribund drug business left him by his father. On the way home he tries to make a favorable impression on a fellow traveller, a very attractive young woman, named Miriam Rogers, but his efforts in this direction do not meet with success.

Arriving in Centerville, Jimmie seeks his boyhood chum, Jingo Pitts, who is editor and owner of the one horse local paper. He announces to Jingo that he proposes to put on the market the famous Panacea for all ills, in search of which his father had passed his life; the fact that he died without discovering it does not deter Jimmie in the least, as he proposes to discover it himself. A disturbing element, in the person of Cyrus P. Rogers, head of the Drug Trust, and incidentally the father of the fascinating Miriam, enters the scene. The trust has just placed a rival store in the town, planning to freeze out the antiquated original store. Cyrus makes Jimmie an insignificant bid, which is indignantly refused. His independent and fearless attitude enlists for him the favorable interest of the fair Miriam, who loves a fighter. In collusion with Jingo and with his assistance and through the medium of four ingredients gathered at random in the store,

Jimmie manufactures a sample lot of his wonderful panacea. He enlists as a confederate his grandmother, who is a hypochondria while Jingo gets an ancient darkey to act as a horrible example. An independent witness, Mrs. Walters, who suffers from heart attacks, is also secured. Jimmie attracts a crowd to the store and proceeds to a demonstration. Granny, Mrs. Walter and the Darkey are all treated for widely different diseases, and are miraculously cured thereof. But to Jimmie's acute surprise the cures are real, and he accounts for this, to himself, that it is the faith of the sufferers in the remedy that affects the cure. The cure gets wide publicity, and Jimmie takes steps to manufacture on a large scale. He is waited upon by a delegation of the leading lights of the town, and offered a free factory site. But Jimmie asserts that he cannot assign the site unless he be endorsed as candidate for Mayor. The committee assent. In the meantime, Rogers has had a chemical analysis made of the panacea and has discovered that it consists of four harmless ingredients, without any special curative power. He has Jimmie arrested under the pure food and drug act. But Jimmie contends that there is a fifth ingredient, impossible to detect by analysis, which gives the panacea its curative power. During the trial, Rogers, who is an acute sufferer from dyspepsia, swallows some of the powder, and is completely cured. Granny, Mrs. Walters and the darkey severally testify to the cure effected by the medicine, and Jimmie is acquitted. The upshot of it all being that Jimmie is offered by the Trust a million and a half, which is the sum demanded by him. Miriam, enthralled by Jimmie's masterful methods also proves an easy conquest, and consents to become his bride.

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